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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## One-Lane Alternating Traffic Control to Continue on State Route 33 During Seasonal Pause in Construction

*\$6 Million Highway Project Underway in Los Padres National Forest in Ventura County*

VENTURA — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) today announced that a section of State Route 33 in Ventura County will continue to have only one lane open for traffic during a winter pause in construction.

Temporary traffic signals allow northbound and southbound vehicles, on an alternating basis, to travel on the single available lane through the construction area in the Los Padres National Forest approximately four miles north of the city of Ojai.

Caltrans began working at the location in spring 2017 to stabilize a slope that was severely undermined by erosion. The \$6 million project involves construction of a 500-foot-long wall along a streambed to prevent further erosion and damage to the highway.

Construction activity on the project stopped this month for the duration of the winter season due to restrictions in the project environmental permits. Work is scheduled to resume in spring 2018.

The current condition of the roadway does not accommodate two lanes of traffic so the temporary one-way traffic control will continue operating during the seasonal pause.

Caltrans moved temporary concrete barriers ("K-rail") to provide space on the shoulder of the highway for bicyclists to travel safely through the area during the shutdown.

C.A. Rasmussen Inc., of Valencia, is the contractor on the project, which is scheduled to be completed in late 2018.

Drivers are urged to allow extra travel time and exercise caution in construction areas. Caltrans reminds motorists to "Be Work Zone Alert" and "Slow for the Cone Zone."

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